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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

RESOLUTION

TARIFFS

New Delhi, the 30th April 1957

No. 12(4)-TP/56.—The Tariff Commission has submitted its Report on the continuance of protection to the Cocoa Powder and Chocolate Industry on the basis of an inquiry undertaken by it under Sections 11(e) and 13 of the Tariff Commission Act, 1951. Its main recommendations are:—

- (i) The protective duty on cocoa powder should be maintained at the existing rate of $31\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. *ad valorem* (including surcharge). As regards covering chocolate, the protective duty should be 50 per cent. *ad valorem* or Re. 1 per lb. (including surcharge), whichever is higher. These rates of duty should remain in force up to the 31st December, 1958. Cocoa beans should continue to be exempted from payment of import duty.
- (ii) Government might consider the desirability of stopping the import of covering chocolate by actual users.

Government accept recommendation (i) and the necessary legislation will be undertaken in due course. The revised rate of protective duty recommended by the Commission in the case of covering chocolates is being brought into force with immediate effect.

Government have taken note of recommendation (ii) and it will be taken into consideration along with other relevant factors while formulating import policy from time to time.

2. The Commission has also made certain ancillary recommendations and suggestions for developing cocoa plantations in India, for improving the quality of the local product, and for general assistance to the Industry.

Government have noted these recommendations and suitable action will be taken in due course.

3. The Commission has emphasised the importance of salesmanship and publicity and of keeping abreast of technical development. These are brought to the notice of the Industry.

ORDER

Ordered that a copy of the Resolution be communicated to all concerned and that it be published in the *Gazette of India*.

L. K. JHA, Secy.

(Department of Heavy Industries)

NOTIFICATION

TARIFFS

New Delhi, the 30th April 1957

No. 12(4)-T.B./56.—WHEREAS the Central Government is satisfied after due inquiry that the duty chargeable under the Indian Tariff Act, 1934 (32 of 1934), in respect of 'Chocolate other than confectionery' specified in item No. 18 of the First Schedule to the said Act, and characterised as protective in the third column thereof, has become ineffective for the purpose of securing the protection intended to be afforded by it to similar article manufactured in India;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 4 of the said Act, as in force in India and as applied to the State of Pondicherry, the Central Government hereby makes the following amendment in the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, No. 12(3)-T.B./54, dated the 7th September, 1954, namely:—

In column 3 of the Table annexed to the said notification, for the figure and words "50 per cent *ad valorem*" the figures and words "50 per cent *ad valorem* or Re. 1 per lb., whichever is higher" shall be substituted.

L. K. JHA, Secy.